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1. Location

The Avia plant in Lipova is located in the southern part of Lipova below the main highway from Lipova to Suknov (N 51-01, E 14-28) between the roads to Vally Sanov (N 50-59, E 14-23) and to Ledvikovický.

2. Administrative Data

Since 1 January 1953 the Avia plant in Lipova has been a branch of the airplane factory, Avia n.p., Letňany u Prahy (N 50-08, E 14-31). The management of the plant is under the direction in Letňany and is not authorized to decide independently on production matters. Source is unable to furnish any information on the integration of the main plant in Letňany into the industrial structure of Czechoslovakia.

3. History of the Plant

- The buildings of the plant were erected in 1935 for a button manufacturing plant. In 1937 the site was taken over by the firm, Johann Kneile and Son, rolling mill and metal lithography of aluminum foil for wrapping purposes. The latter firm continued to exist till December 1951; in May 1945 it became subject to state trusteeship. In December 1951 it was dismantled and the machinery was transported to a place unknown to Source.
- On 1 January 1952 the plant was turned over to Antorenova n.p., Mlada Boleslav, which established a branch plant for the production of minor parts for automobile motors and chassis. However, at the end of 1952 Antorenova relinquished this plant.
- On 1 January 1953 the plant was taken over by Avia n.p., Letňany u Prahy for the production of minor parts for airplanes. The machinery of Antorenova remained there.

4. Operational Data

- The plant is only a branch of the airplane factory Avia n.p., Letňany u Prahy.

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It has no independent production of its own, but produces only airplane parts upon orders received from the main plant in Letňany u Prahy. The Lipova plant works exclusively for the main plant.

b. The following parts are manufactured:

- (1) different types of screws
- (2) rivets
- (3) socket joints for small and large pipes
- (4) packings
- (5) supporting rods

c. The work orders from the main plant in Letňany for the production of a certain item always contain

- (1) the exact number of pieces required,
- (2) exact drawings with sizes of items to be produced.

These work orders have to be returned with the finished products.

d. All raw materials are furnished exclusively by the main plant in Letňany u Prahy. Every Monday and Tuesday the requested raw materials like steel, iron, aluminum, bronze and brass bars 5 millimeters to 60 millimeters in diameter and 2 meters to 5 meters long, are delivered to subject plant by truck. The raw materials are stored in building No. 2.

e. Upon receipt, the work order from the main plant is referred to the Planning Section by the manager of the Lipova plant, where it is turned over to the foreman of the mechanical workshops. The finished products are referred to the Control Section, where they are checked to ascertain whether their measurements correspond with those given in the work order. The pieces found in order are then sprayed in the spray shop with dyes and insulation material. Subsequently they are sent to the delivery storage in building No. 2 where they are counted, wrapped in paper, and packed in wooden crates. The plant manager issues the way-bill and bill of delivery for every crate. Finished products are transported to the main plant in Letňany weekly every Friday or Saturday.

f. The Lipova plant's bookkeeping concerns the payment of the wages only. All transactions are accounted for by the main plant in Letňany and, based upon the vouchers filed there, the Lipova plant is supplied with the necessary funds for its current expenditures.

5. Equipment

a. The Lipova plant has these machines at its disposal:

- (1) 16 turning lathes, 10 of which are automatic
- (2) 2 milling machines
- (3) 4 grinding machines
- (4) 4 drilling machines

b. Part of these machines are operated with electricity and part with steam. Source is ignorant of the age and/or condition of the machines.

c. The plant has its own maintenance shop for machines, equipment, and tools.

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- d. Tools are kept in the tool storage room and issued to the workers when required. Special measuring devices have to be returned to storage at the end of the shift, and taken out again the next shift.

6. Utilities

The Lipova plant has its own boiler plant and steam engine. These are not only used to operate machines, but also for heating purposes. In addition electricity is routed to the plant from the public high-frequency line. The plant has its own transformer (No. 3) in the court.

7. Shipping and Storage Facilities

Raw materials are always in stock. Finished products are delivered weekly to the main plant in Letnany. For this purpose the plant has a Praga RN 5-ton truck at its disposal.

8. Labor

- a. In the summer of 1953, 98 workers were employed in the plant. The breakdown of the manpower is as follows:

- (1) manager of the plant
- (2) 1 bookkeeper in the Wage and Personnel Section
- (3) 1 office employee in the Planning Section
- (4) 1 secretary for correspondence
- (5) 1 foreman in the Maintenance Section
- (6) 1 chief foreman in the mechanical workshop
- (7) 1 foreman in the mechanical workshop
- (8) 1 employee in the tool storage room
- (9) 1 employee in the delivery storage room
- (10) 1 foreman in the Control Section
- (11) 6 controllers
- (12) 82 foreman, laborers, and guards.

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10. In summer 1953 the wages, in new currency, attained the following levels.

a. common laborer	Kes. 800.00 per month		
b. chief controller	Kes. 1,060.00	"	"
c. controller	Kes. 900.00	"	"
d. carpenter and chief foreman	Kes. 1,200.00	"	"
e. foreman	Kes. 950.00	"	"
f. storage employee	Kes. 800.00	"	"

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The office employees and laborers were entitled to two to four weeks annual leave. All employees had to take two weeks of their leave in July or August, however, during which time the plant was closed. Nobody was permitted to stay away from work without a doctor's certificate.

11. Security

- a. The plant has its own guard consisting of eight men. During their tours of duty they wear their blue work suits as uniforms, black berets, and a red ribbon on the left arm. They are armed with carbines.
- b. A special group of four men and one woman is responsible for the guarding of the plant. They wear gray uniforms and are armed with pistols which they carry on shoulder straps. One of these men is on duty at the entrance of the doorman's shack and one is on roving guard duty. The remaining two are relief. They work in twelve-hour shifts. The woman tries to pass herself off as supervisor. She snoops around everywhere.
- c. A member of the SNB station in Lipova often visits the plant. Sometimes he stays in the doorman's shack, other times he walks around the compound. 25X1A
- d. The plant is surrounded by a 2-meter-high wire mesh fence topped with two rows of barbed wire, and fastened to concrete poles.
- e. Fire extinguishers are installed in the individual rooms. There are two fire extinguishers in the dye, gasoline, and kerosene storage areas. Otherwise, there is no special fire extinguishing equipment in subject plant.

12. Layout

The location of subject plant and its individual buildings is indicated on the attached sketch. The plant consists of the following buildings:

- # 1 bungalow-type building, 15 x 20 meters, brick and wood construction; used as storage for coal, oils, dyes, gasoline and kerosene.
- # 2 bungalow-type building, 10 x 15 meters, wooden construction; used as storage for raw materials (steel, iron, aluminum, brass and bronze), carpenter workshop and delivery storage for finished products.
- # 3 transformer plant for electric current, 6 x 6 x 8 meters, brick construction
- # 4 main building, square block around a yard, 50 x 60 meters, brick construction, gray plastered walls

first floor : locker room for workers
grinding shop
first aid station
office of the manager
Wage and Personnel Section
Planning Section
office of the works council
Maintenance Section
mechanical workshops
boiler plant and fuel storage

second floor: storage for products to be taken over
Control Section
spray shop for dyes and insulation materials
weapons storage of the plant's militia

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attic: instrument room for electric current

#5 chimney of the boiler plant, 35 meters high, red brick construction

#6 doorman's shack, 5 x 5 meters, gray sandstone construction

#7 billets for the plant's workers, 10 x 20 meters, three-storyed, brick construction, gray plaster walls

"A" vehicle entrance

"B" entrance for pedestrians

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Comments:

1. Local National Committee.
2. Czechoslovak Communist Party.

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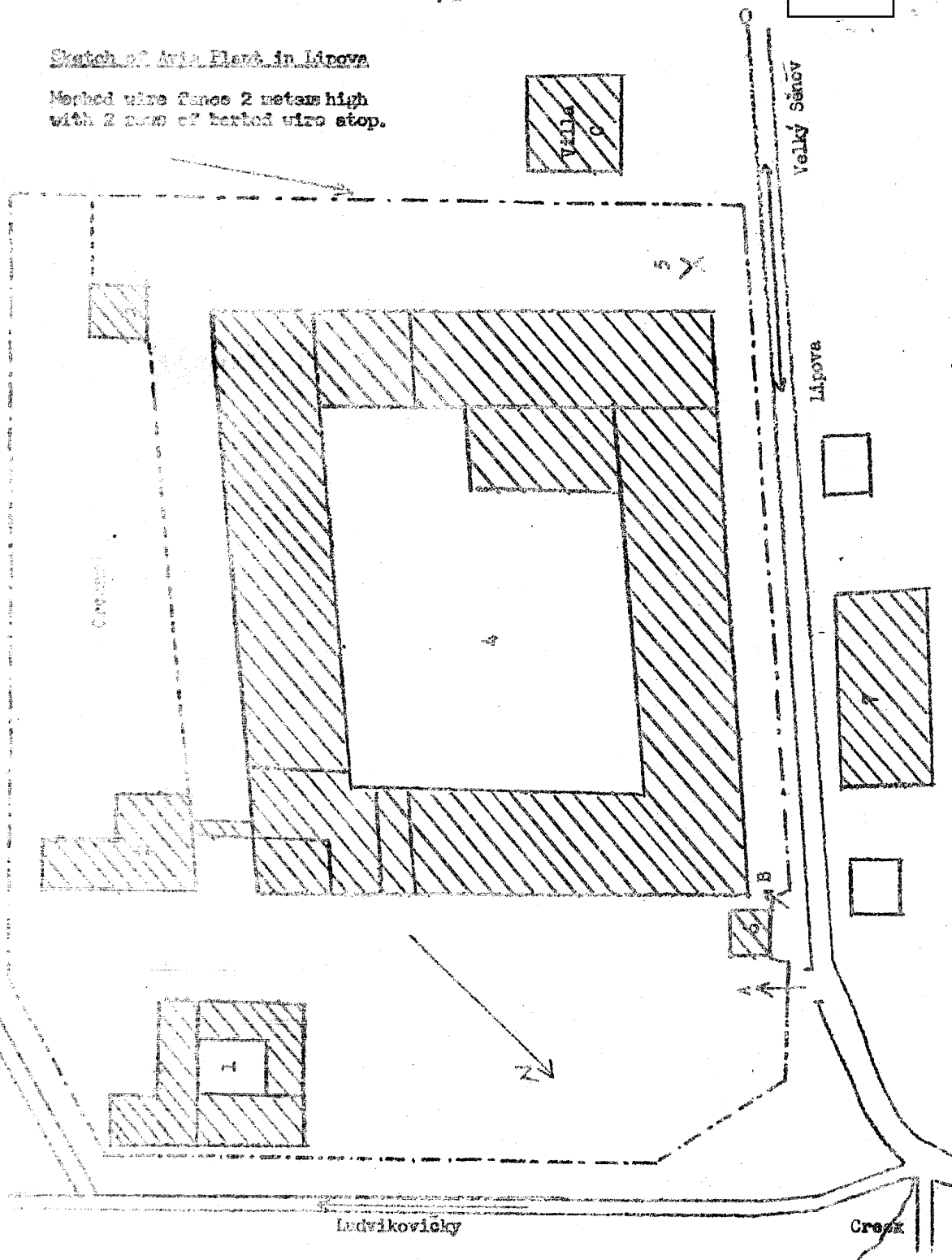
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Sketch of Area Plant in Lipova

Perched wire fences 2 meters high
with 2 rows of barbed wire atop.



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